

CAPSULE SUMMARY - MAIDSTONE BARN 'C' (CT-1064)

This is the third in a group of four tobacco barns constructed on the tract known as Maidstone which includes an 18th century house and three other tobacco barns. This barn originally measured 40 x 24 with a 16 foot original shed. Cross-axial in plan, the barn is oriented on a east-west axis. A 24 foot long extension to the east was added c. 1930-1955 and obscures the 19th century form of the structure. With the other Maidstone barns, this structure gives us a picture of the development of a southern Maryland farmstead from the early 19th century through the late 20th century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

(See also (CT-5) Maidstone House)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maidstone Barn

and/or common Maidstone Barn C

2. Location

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road ___ not for publication

city, town Owings ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Jean Hicks

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road telephone no.: n/a

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liberAWR 20

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 371

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

postitory for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1064

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No. CI-1064

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1064

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berryorganization c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990
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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1064

Maidstone barn C is located on the historic house site known as Maidstone. Portions of the house date to the eighteenth century, and it originally belonged to the Chew family. Maidstone barn C is located immediately to the west of the house. There are three other barns on the property, one to the northwest, and one to the northeast. The main axis is east-west and there is no visible farm road that leads to the barn. The barn is situated on the lower side of a field, and is near the creek. The barn is built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails. It measures sixty four by forty feet. It was built in several sections. The original barn measured forty by twenty-four feet and had a cross-axial plan and a shed on the south side. A twenty-four foot wide addition was added at a later date.

The original forty by twenty-four foot section was divided into bays each measuring eight feet wide. There was a central eight-foot wide aisle, and a sixteen foot wide shed on the south side. The south wall of the barn does not show any evidence of siding, and there was no evidence of a door on this side of the barn, so it appears likely that this is an original shed. There is an eight-foot wide doorway centered along the southern facade of this forty-foot long original south shed. Sometime prior to the current owner's acquisition of the property ca. 1955, a twenty-four foot wide extension was built onto the barn. This addition had a double doorway in the westernmost eight foot wide bay on the north side, and also a four-foot wide door on the east side. At the time the addition was built, an equal-size addition to the shed was also built.

The two sections share many factors in common. They both are supported by concrete block masonry piers, and have a light timber frame of circular sawn lumber that is toe-nailed with wire nails. The roofs are similar, both have rafters on four foot centers that rest on a flat false plate, windbraces, and three collars. The tier poles in both sections are the same: peeled logs separated by forty-one and one-half inches vertical distance. The major difference between the two sections is that the early section of the barn and the early shed have shingles underlying the corrugated metal roof. The later additions have a standing seam metal roof.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1064

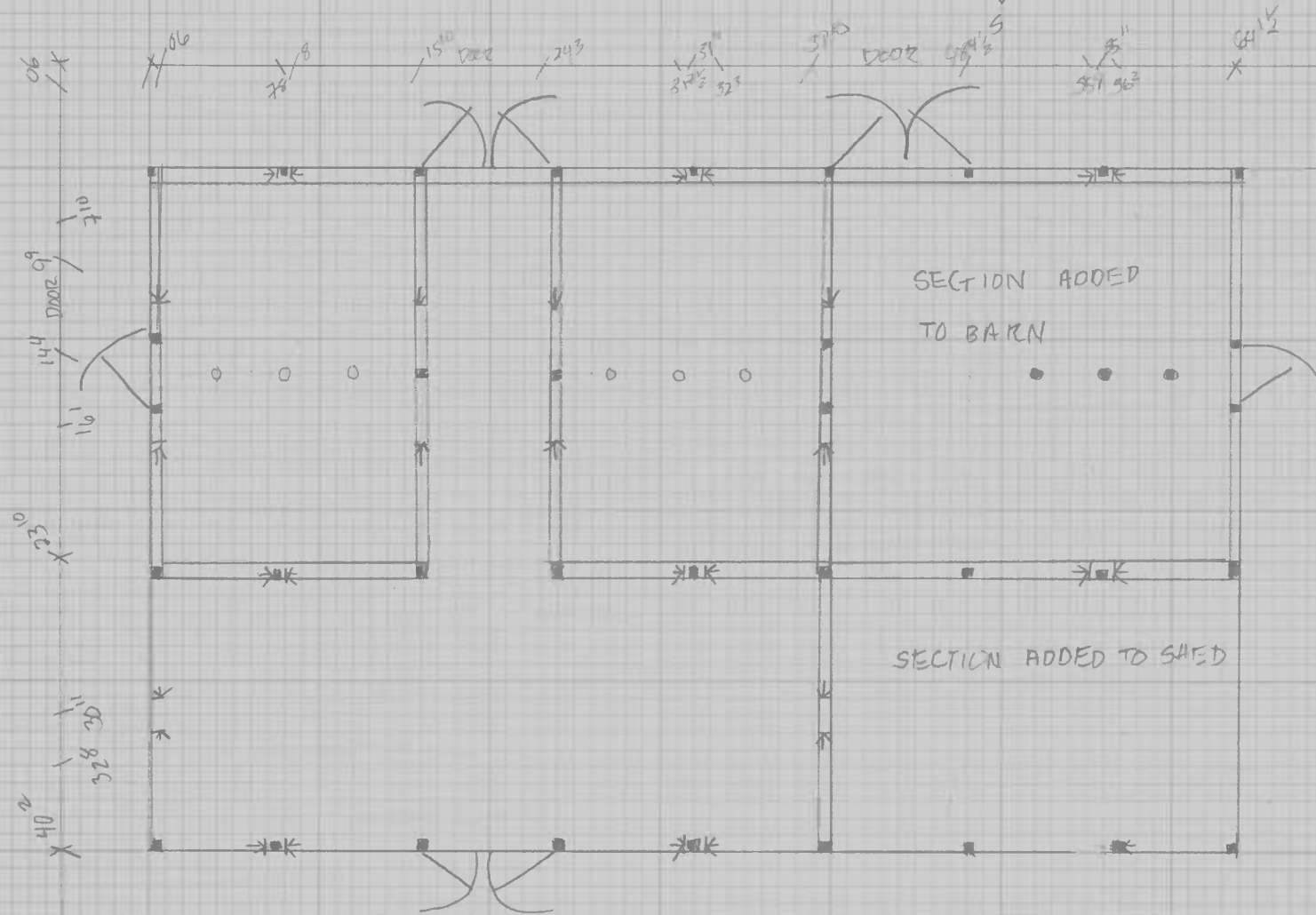
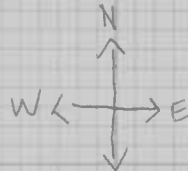
The period represented by this barn is the period after 1890 and prior to the time when metal roofs became common (ca. 1930). The original forty by twenty-four foot structure, common to nineteenth-century barns, shows a few elements that reveal its early twentieth century date. In addition to the later materials and techniques used, the central aisle that is accessible to vehicles and has no sill, are characteristic of the twentieth century. Also typical is the existence of an original shed on the south shed. The twenty-four foot wide addition, built ca. 1930-1955, makes the barn appear more recent in date from the exterior than it actually is. The barn is also significant in its place among the other structures located on the Maidstone property. The intensive study of these structures gives us a picture of the development of the Southern Maryland farmstead from the early nineteenth through the late twentieth centuries.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for reuse. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historic Period theme(s): ca. 1890-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1890-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The barn originally measured forty by twenty-four feet wide. The shingle roof was replaced by a corrugated metal roof. At some later date a twenty-four foot wide addition was built. The owner states that this barn was standing in its entirety prior to her acquisition of the property ca. 1955.

BARN #2037 MAIDSTONE 3/26/90 TW



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Fairview **Chaneyville** 18 24



CT-106A

Owens

Lara & La Mesa

Northwest

March 1990